

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-25 were pending. Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-19, and 21-25 were rejected. Claims 2-3 and 20 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms. Portions of the drawings were objected.

In this response, claims 2, 11-18, 20, and 22-25 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-4, and 19 have been amended. Claims 26-30 have been added. Formal drawings have been submitted. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected claim 2. Claim 19 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected claim 20. New claims 26-30 have been added to depend from independent claim 19 directly or indirectly, including limitations similar to those recited in claims 3 and 6-9. The rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims. Applicant also amends some of the remaining claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections and/or claim objections. Thus, all claims are in condition of allowance and Applicant does not initiate a new search. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were objected to.

Portion of the drawings were objected. Accordingly, formal drawings have been submitted. It is respectfully submitted that the submitted formal drawings are substantially identical to those submitted in a parent application of the present application. If the Examiner requires further changes of the drawings, further revised drawings will be submitted when the present application is in condition of allowance.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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